

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 447
By Crowe

A RESOLUTION to recognize and commend the James H. Quillen College of Medicine upon the school's outstanding performance in the *U.S. News & World Report's* "America's Best Graduate Schools".

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those educational institutions that are leaders in their respective fields; and

WHEREAS, the James H. Quillen College of Medicine at East Tennessee State University (ETSU) is one such superior institution, which was recently recognized as one of the nation's top medical schools; and

WHEREAS, the *2004 Best Graduate Schools* issue of *U.S. News & World Report* ranked the Quillen College of Medicine third in the nation for rural medicine education, a prestigious honor for one of the country's youngest medical schools; and

WHEREAS, in addition to achieving acclaim for its focus on rural medicine education, ETSU also received recognition for its excellent family medicine training program, sharing the sixteenth position with Dartmouth Medical School and others; this fine school also was ranked

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seventeenth with regard to its primary care curriculum, tying with Harvard University and the University of California at Davis; and

WHEREAS, the Quillen College of Medicine has also earned distinction for its research programs, particularly in the areas of cancer, primary care, and cardiovascular disease; and

WHEREAS, the James H. Quillen College of Medicine was established by the Tennessee General Assembly in 1974 to help alleviate a critical shortage of primary care physicians; the college's first class of students enrolled in 1978; and

WHEREAS, named in honor of Tennessee's longtime First District Congressman, James H. (Jimmy) Quillen, who was highly instrumental in the establishment of the school, the Quillen College of Medicine is a publicly-supported academic institution dedicated to excellence in medical, biomedical, and health education, research, and the improvement of health care in Northeast Tennessee and the surrounding Appalachian region; and

WHEREAS, since 1982, more than one thousand Medical Doctor degrees have been awarded by the school, and many of the talented physicians trained at ETSU have gone on to practice in rural, underserved areas, greatly enhancing health care in the Tri-Cities region and around the State; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Paul Stanton, formerly the College of Medicine Dean and Vice President for Health Affairs, now President of East Tennessee State University, Dr. Ron Franks, Dean and Vice President for Health Affairs, and Senator Rusty Crowe are very proud of this national recognition; and

WHEREAS, it is the privilege of this General Assembly to honor the James H. Quillen College of Medicine as a model of academic excellence and applaud its laudable achievements in educating the physicians of tomorrow; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the James H. Quillen College of Medicine upon the occasion of

its recognition as one of the nation's finest medical schools and commend its faculty, staff, administration, and students for their role in creating a nationally-renowned reputation for the school and for East Tennessee State University as a whole.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.